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AHCPLY308 Set up sheds for placement of poultry

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 9.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to set up sheds for placement of poultry. Poultry may include a variety of species and breeds at various life stages, including day old, point of lay and mature birds.

This unit applies to workers who apply technical knowledge and skills with discretion and judgement to care for poultry in commercial production environments. They work under broad direction, coordinate activities and solve problems related to poultry husbandry. Work environments may include poultry farms and breeding farms.

Commonwealth and/or state/territory health and safety, animal welfare, environmental protection and biosecurity legislation, regulations and codes of practice apply to keeping and working with poultry. Requirements vary between jurisdictions.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Poultry (PLY)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Prepare to work in poultry shed	1.1 Identify and follow personal hygiene and other biosecurity procedures that apply to entering and working on a poultry farm or facility 1.2 Identify activities to be undertaken from work program and/or supervisor 1.3 Identify age, quantity and housing requirements of poultry being transferred to shed 1.4 Identify health and safety hazards, and assess and control risks 1.5 Select and fit appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) required for preparing the shed and placing the poultry
2. Check and maintain shed and equipment	2.1 Apply biosecurity procedures to minimise entry of pathogens into poultry shed via own activities and equipment being introduced in shed 2.2 Check shed and work surfaces are clean and sanitised 2.3 Check tools and equipment are operational, clean and sanitised 2.4 Check pest, vermin and/or predator controls are in place, and adjust as required 2.5 Check lights, time switches and other shed equipment are operational
3. Prepare shed	3.1 Prepare poultry floor surface according to incoming poultry requirements, ensuring it is clean and dry 3.2 Set up feeders, drinkers, temperature, ventilation and other equipment in shed according to incoming poultry requirements 3.3 Ensure that bird barriers and/or brooder curtains are in place and operating if required 3.4 Check and adjust watering, feeding, ventilation and temperature control systems 3.5 Check and adjust lighting equipment and programs according to poultry age 3.6 Test alarm systems and time switches 3.7 Install additional drinkers and feeders, or lay paper and spread feed on it as required 3.8 Complete records and report issues as required

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4. Place poultry	4.1 Ensure shed temperature, ventilation and floor surfaces meet the requirements of incoming poultry 4.2 Check incoming poultry health indicators according to enterprise requirements 4.3 Transfer poultry safely from existing containers/crates into appropriate housing, using safe manual handling and low stress bird handling techniques 4.4 Check poultry behaviour and health regularly after placement according to enterprise animal welfare procedures 4.5 Check feed, water and shed conditions after placement meet poultry needs 4.6 Clean and sanitise crates and/or equipment as required 4.7 Dispose of waste according to enterprise biosecurity and environmental procedures 4.8 Complete records and report issues as required

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Interpret key information from enterprise biosecurity procedures, and equipment cleaning and operation instructions
Writing	Use industry terminology to record information about poultry
Numeracy	Measure and calculate quantity, time, weight, temperature, area, volume and ratio

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status

AHCPLY308 Set up sheds for placement of poultry	AHCPLY203 Set up shed for placement of day-old chickens	AQF indicator in unit code changed to reflect revised unit outcomes Title changed. Major changes to all sections of the unit. Foundation skills added Performance evidence, knowledge evidence and assessment conditions updated	Not equivalent
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Links

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<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>